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SUBJECT: CAMEROON ESTABLISHES DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THREE MORE ARAB STATES

- 1. IN PAST WEEK GURC HAS ANNOUNCED ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS "AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL" WITH KUWAIT, QATAR, AND UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. PRESUMABLY, BUT THIS NOT RPT NOT SPECIFIED IN ANNOUNCEMENTS, AMBASSADORS WILL BE NON-RESIDENT ONES, PERHAPS WITH NEWLY RESIDENT GURC AMBASSADOR IN JIDDA SIMULTANEOUSLY ACCREDITED TO THESE THREE OTHER STATES.
- 2. LOCAL PRESS HAS CARRIED REPORT, ATTRIBUTED TO AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE, THAT GURC AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO SIGNED AGREEMENT FEBRUARY 20 WITH ARAB LEAGUE FOR DOLS 2,800,000 LOAN, SAID TO BE HALF OF SUM ALLOTTED CAMEROON BY ARAB LOAN FUND FOR AFRICA.
- 3. COMMENT: ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH THESE THREE GULF STATES FOLLOWS APRIL 1974 VISIT TO SEVERAL STATES IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AREA BY GURC MINISTER OF PLAN MAIKANO. GURC RELATIONS WITH

SAUDIS HAVE NOTABLY INTENSIFIED DURING PAST HALF YEAR WITH ARRIV-AL OF RESIDENT SAUDI CHARGE IN YAOUNDE IN AUGUST 1974 AND SUBSEQUENT ACCREDITATION OF RESIDENT CAMEROON AMBASSADOR TO JIDDA. ALTHOUGH NOTHING YET ANNOUNCED, WE EXPECT BEFORE TOO LONG TO SEE RESULTS OF EFFORTS SINCE JUNE 1974 TO ARRANGE SAUDI AID AND/OR INVESTMENT. PRESIDENT AHIDJO HAS REPEATEDLY RECONFIRMED IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS CAMEROON'S SOLIDARITY WITH ARABS ON ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE AND JUSTICE, UNRELATED TO ARAB QUID PRO QUO FOR CAMEROON, BUT HAS ALSO STATED CONVICTION THAT MEANINGFUL ARAB AID TO AFRICA WILL BE FORTHCOMING. THERE NO RPT NO QUESTION WHAT GURC SEEKING IN THIS NEWEST PROLIFERATION OF RELATIONS WITH ARAB WORLD. MOORE

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